GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2181
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2001
AGRICULTURE EXPORT ZONES
R.L. JALAPPA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Agriculture Export Zones (AEZs) in Karnataka exclusively for gherkins; and

(b) if so, the details of share of the Union Government in these zones alongwith the present status of the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Government has notified on 8th October, 2001, the creation of an Agri ExportZone for gherkins in Karnataka, covering the districts of Tumkur, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore Rural, Hassan, Kolar, Chitradurga, Dharwad & Bagalkot.

(b): The Central Government funding of the Agri Export Zones will be through theconvergence of existing schemes of the various Central Government Departments andAgencies concerned with the relevant activities. The Government of Karnataka hassigned a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Agricultural and ProcessedFood Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), which is the nodal coordinating Agency for the Scheme towards the implementation of the proposal. The duration of the project will be for a period of three years.